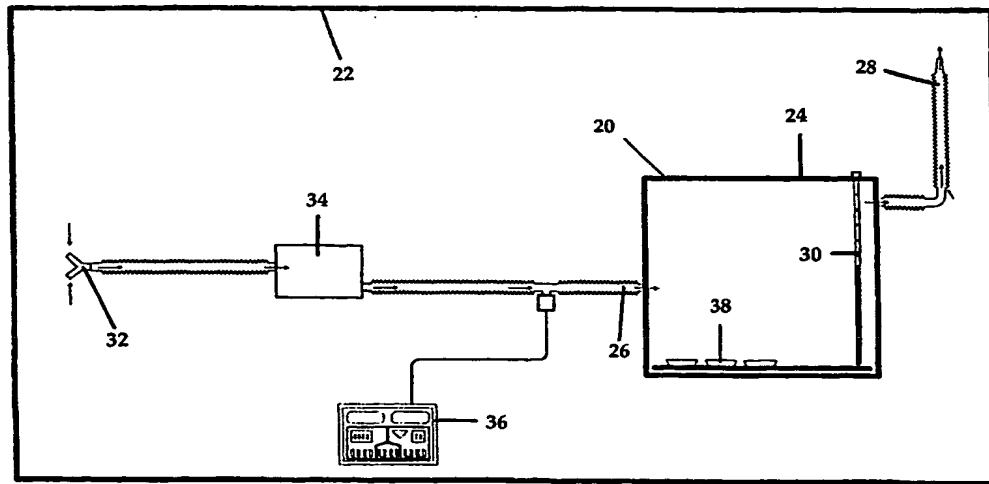


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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a method for suppressing pathogenic cells and a method for the treatment of an animal, including a human, having pathogenic cells within its respiratory tract. These methods preferably comprise the exposure of the pathogenic cells to an effective amount of a source of nitric oxide, the nitric oxide source comprising nitric oxide or a compound or substance capable of producing nitric oxide and wherein the nitric oxide may have either an inhibitory or a cidal effect on such pathogenic cells. Further, the invention relates to the use of nitric oxide for suppressing pathogenic cells, the therapeutic use of nitric oxide for the treatment of an animal having pathogenic cells in its respiratory tract and a pharmaceutical composition for such treatment.

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